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NEWSPAPER SLANG.

The Technical Phrases Used in the City
Newspaper Offices.

The extraordinary growth in the press of
this country has naturally brought in
with it a multitude of new words to ex-
press its varying phases. Below will be
found a number, many of which have
never been printed in type before for the
general reader. The "advertising man"
is in many offices the mainstay of the
proprietor, and if successful, frequently
is in reality the master. His business is
the selecting of advertisements. Blessed
is that journal which has a good agent,
and miserable is the proprietor who is
cursed with a poor one. "A man on it"
is the phrase a city editor or managing
editor uses when his attention is called to
something about to happen, or which
has happened, and his energy indicates
that a reporter has been detailed to at-
tend to it. There is no wrong in using
this about a woman. "Associated press"
is the combination of daily papers in
the cities, by which the news from
other cities is collected and dis-
tributed in common. The "amusement
man" attends to the theaters and other
shows, writing the notices and keeping
track of actors and managers. He is
sometimes the "theatrical critic," but
the latter generally holds himself aloof
from the former when the paper is large
enough to employ both. The most in-
teresting question to the editor in the
morning is to know whether his em-
ployees have any news that he did
not succeed in obtaining. He looks
pleased if they have not, but still more so
if he has a "beat." This is to publish
something that is of importance as
news, and which his neighbors have
missed. A "scop" is larger and more
important than a "beat," but is of the
same nature. A "business notice" is an
advertisement in a favored locality,
generally of a commercial nature, and
in other advertisements, and sometimes
put in so as to look very much like
reading matter. "Special notices" are
like business notices, in some news-
papers one being regarded as better than
the other. "Blue pencil" is the pencil
used by the reviewer of copy in cutting
down or altering the manuscript that
has come in. It is thus used because
its use is very conspicuous, but a blue
pencil mark is applied. "Bourgeois"
is the largest type used on daily papers
generally. Eight lines of bourgeois
go to an inch. "Boyvie" is the size
next smaller. It is the editorial type
on most large dailies, and the word is
consequently familiar to a synonym for
editorial matter. Nine lines of brevier
go to an inch. "Big lead" is a con-
plaint to which a reporter suddenly ad-
vanced to a higher position is very likely
to be subject. It destroys all peace and
harmony where it prevails. Reporters
and other coordinators are some-
times attacked by this disease. "Blanket
sheet" is a term now rarely used,
but was formerly applied to large
newspapers in folio form. "Boil her
down" means to condense a statement
very much. To "bite it off" on the
contrary, is to stop where you are, only
finishing the sentence. When the copy-
reader, the city editor or the managing
editor cuts down or alters the copy of
an advertisement, he is said to "bite
it down." This is the "city editor" is very
different from the person of the same
name in England. The "city editor"
of the London Times is one "financial
editor." The "city editor" here is the
one who takes care of all local matters,
meetings, riots, courts, accidents, and
every kind of news that is not within
his bailiwick and his position, in
some respects, is the most important on
the paper. In small cities he is known
as the "local editor," but this term is
going out of use. A "correspondent"
is one who regularly writes for the
other places, and is distinguished from
a "contributor" or the man who sends
a letter by this circumstance. The "clippings"
man is the one who reads the papers
and collects the news items that are
valuable for his own journal. "Clippings"
is also applied to the scraps of
paper thus cut out. "Contract" is the
blank upon which an agreement of the
advertising agent with his patron is
written. Verbal orders are very rarely
received in large offices. "Copy" is the
manuscript or reprint when ready for
publication. The "copy-reader" exam-
ines every page of writing that goes
into the local department, to see
whether it is ungrammatical or tautolog-
ical, or has any other fault which ne-
cessitates a change. If there is any
defect, he corrects it. He also condenses
it, if needed, and frequently supplies
new heads. He must be carefully ex-
amined to see whether it is libelous. A
"caption" is the line which goes under
an engraving, and tells what it is. A
"cut" is an engraving, and also a
caption that copy has been shortened.
"Covering" is applied by a reporter to
doing a certain thing. If a house built
by Buddenbalk falls down the reporter
he is sent to see about it "covers it."
So also the man who goes to a meeting
"covers it."—American Bookmaker.

A college paper criticised recently
very severely the students who act as
waiters in the summer hotels. It thinks
the practice is unworthy of young men
who expect to occupy an honorable po-
sition in the world. This says the Boston
Journal, depends upon the motive.
If a needy collegian who is anxious to
earn money to secure an education,
and make a living in the pickering way of
catching smaller fish, and after several
hours of vain pursuit one day last week
he saw our "devil" fishing, so he glided
up and bit the line off close to the pole
and pulled it around until he caught a
little fish, which he ate, and baited the
hook again with part of it proceeded to
fish for another. Our apprentice tells
this story and we have decided to make
a lawyer of him.—Plaintiff (Conn.)
Journal.

George Riley, of Schenectady, who
had just had his hand crushed in a drill
press, is not a fortunate young man. When
very small he fell off a fence and broke
his nose. Later he was nearly drowned;
then his toes were crushed by the cars;
then he broke his nose again; then his
head was crushed between the bumpers
of a railroad car, and when the skating
rink was opened he was the first to hurt
himself, breaking his arm.—N. Y. Sun.

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ABOUT DRAINAGE.

A Few Words on the Theory and Practice
of Drainage.

Water is indispensable to the growth
of plants. Green vegetation contains
from eighty to ninety per cent. of
water, and so far as this is concerned
the water is actual plant food and ne-
cessary nutriment. But plants require
a far greater supply than this, for as
every part of the solid matter of plants
is only taken into the roots in solution
in water, a vast quantity is required to
mature a crop. Thus for every pound
of wheat produced in an experimental
crop grown for the purpose of investi-
gating this question, no less than 2,693
pounds of water were evaporated by
the plants, and consequently passed
through them, entering by the roots
and escaping through the leaves. This
quantity was used by the wheat which
produced the least, viz.: less than one
pound of grain, but when ten pounds
was produced the consumption of water
was 7,792 pounds; showing that the
larger the quantity of water used by the
crop the greater was the product. This
result, however, only goes to a cer-
tain extent, and when the maxi-
mum result is reached and the water
is in excess of the requirements of the
plant does not grow, for the water
used by plants must be active and not
stagnant, and must have certain quan-
tity of atmospheric air contained in it.
The water must in fact be passing
through the soil, just as the air breathed
by an animal must be in motion and
constantly renewed, or it cannot sustain
life. Hence when the water in the soil
is in excess and becomes stagnant the
plants immediately begin to suffer, and
this from two causes, one that the
water in contact with the roots is ex-
hausted of the useful soluble matter
for the food of the plants and the ne-
cessary supply of air is withheld. There
is no motion, no circulation of vivifying
air in the soil, and there can be no life.
Then the plants suffer, and the soil
becomes, turn yellow, and soon die,
and a useless and pernicious vegeta-
tion takes their place.

This is the well-known experience
of farmers whose land has an im-
perious subsoil which holds the water,
and to provide means for preventing
the fatal stagnation of it in the soil.
When the drains are made and the
water passes freely through the soil, a
circulation of air is established, and
the more water which falls upon the
land the more vigorous and abun-
dant are the growth and yield of the
crops. But where these fatal condi-
tions do not exist and the water can
find its way naturally through the sub-
soil the costly drainage is not required,
and the expense of draining such land
is simply money thrown away and
wasted for no purpose. Many a
farmer is misled by the prevailing
"boom" in regard to the drainage,
has been seriously embarrassed and
disappointed, because the promised in-
crease of crops by which he expected to
repay for his outlay has not been
realized.

In practice, drainage is only re-
quired when the conditions above men-
tioned are existing. When in plowing
the land in the spring, or in digging
down into it at any season, the water
has fallen abundantly the water is
found near the surface, then drains
are required to carry it off. In the one
case the water is interfered with and
the timely preparation of the soil for
crops is prevented, and in the other
the growing crops suffer and become
diseased or perish, or weeds abound,
or the needed cultivation of the fields
is prevented. But when no surplus
water is found in the soil at any season
when it would be injurious or incon-
venient, and when the accumulation
from the winter rains pass off early
in the spring, enabling work to be
done, and when no water can be
found in digging down three
feet at any time in the growing season,
drainage is not required, for its sole
purpose is to carry off surplus
water, and any other claim for it, such
as the water in the soil, is a gross
error. Drains should be placed three
feet deep in the ground. The distance
between them should vary, as the soil is
more or less charged with water; for
the more water in the soil to be re-
moved the more outlets will be needed.
Sixty-six feet is a common distance
apart and is not too much under ordi-
nary circumstances. The porosity of
the soil always acts to retain some
water, just as a sponge will hold it and
raise it above the level of its source, so
that the further apart the drains are
the higher will be the level of the
water on the line between them. The
diagram below illustrates this:

GROUND SURFACE.

The O indicates the drains, and the
sloping lines the gradual fall of the
water through the soil to the spaces
between the drains. It is obvious that
the wider these spaces are the higher
will be the level of the water at the
highest points; also, that the more
clayey and adhesive the soil is, the higher
will be the level of the water. This
is to be taken into account, and the
drains which would serve a good
purpose on gravelly soils at one hundred
feet apart might need to be thirty feet
apart in a clayey soil, or in a springy
land. Again, in case of springs break-
ing out in low ground it is always ad-
visable to lay a special drain to carry
it to carry off the water. It is
often the case that one or two single
drains properly placed, will dry the
land at a small expense as effectively as
it covered with drains at much larger cost.
—Henry Stewart, in N. Y. Times.

—Lemon. Extract. Take fresh
lemons, grate the rind, the yellow part
only, and put in a jelly glass with a
cover. Put a layer of lemon and then
one of sugar until the glass is full,
then cover tightly. It is better than
that which you buy. The lemon can
be used for pies or whatever you wish.
Also try this for ginger snaps: One cup
sugar, one cup molasses, one egg, one
cup lard, one tablespoon of ginger,
two-thirds cup of milk, one teaspoonful
of soda. Stir all together, then mix in
a pinch of salt. Roll out thin and bake
in a quick oven.—Boston Budget.

—A blank crop report was sent out
by a Cleveland paper for farmers to fill
out, and the other day one of them
came back with the following written
on the blank slip in pencil: "All we've
got in the district is three wheat, two
barley, two school m'ans, a patch of
wheat, the hog cholera, too much rain,
about fifty acres of taters, and a darn
fool who married a cross-eyed gal be-
cause she owns eighty sheep and a
mule, which she says is no, and no
more at present."—Wall Street News.

THE NUMBER SEVEN.

Numerous Combinations in which It Plays
an Important Part.

The frequent recurrence of the num-
ber seven in the Scriptures seems to in-
dicate that there are associated with it
certain events, that it may be termed
the prophetic, representative symbolic
number consecrated in the Holy Scrip-
tures and the religion of the Jews
and other nations, by many mysterious
events and circumstances.

The Old Testament informs us that
God completed the work of creation in
seven days, and set apart the seventh
day to be a day of rest for all man-
kind.

The slayer of Abel was to be punished
seven-fold, and the slayer of Lamach
seventy and seven-fold.

Of every clean beast Noah took into
his ark by sevens, and took with him
seven pairs of the clean animals, and
seven of each of the beasts of the field.
The intervals between the time of
sending out the dove the second and
third times were seven days, and in
the seventh month the ark rested on
the mountains of Ararat.

In Pharaoh's two dreams he saw
seven well-favored and fat kine, and
seven ill-favored and lean kine, and
seven ears of corn on one stalk, rank
and good, and seven blasted with
thrust wind, which was followed by
seven years of great plenty and seven
years of famine.

The children of Israel were com-
manded to observe the feast of un-
leavened bread; seven days shall there
be no leaven found in your houses.
The seventh month was signified by
the feasts of trumpets and the celebra-
tion of the Passover and the Pentecost.

Seven weeks was the interval between
the Passover and the Pentecost.

The seventh year was observed as the
Sabbatical year, and the year succeed-
ing seven times seven years as the year
of jubilee.

Seven days were appointed as the
length of the feasts of Tabernacles and
Passover.

Seven days for the ceremonies of the
consecration of the priest, and seven
days for the offering of the golden
lamb of the flock.

Seven years were appointed for each
of his daughters.

Delilah bound Samson with seven
green withes, and wove the seven locks
of his hair in the web.

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PREPARING WHEAT LAND.

Work That Should Begin Early and Be Ex-
ceptionally Thorough.

Begin plowing for wheat at the ear-
liest post-harvest moment. This will
prevent a growth of weeds; and you
will get the aid of the rain, sun and
air in pulverizing and packing the
ground. Pass, each evening, with a
heavy roller, over what has been plowed
during the day. As the ground is dry,
there is no danger of its packing too
solid if this is done. Rolling will
crush the clods before they have hard-
ened; it will also prevent the drying
out of the ground. It is a great mis-
take not to follow close after the plow
with the roller; the clods harden and
the ground becomes so dry that part of
the wheat will not germinate. Allow
the ground to lie until shortly before
you desire to sow. Then harrow and
roll the ground in the morning, and if
the soil is very dry, harrow just before
sowing, that stirring the ground may mix
it through the soil. The seed bed for
wheat can not be made too fine, nor too
solid if fine. No crop is benefited more
than wheat by underdraining. Wheat
is "pewed out" by the freezing of the
water in the ground. Dry earth does
not freeze; no degree of cold will cause
it to expand. But water expands;
hence, when the water in the ground
freezes, it heaves the surface up and
the wheat plants with it. The wet ground,
being heavier than the roots of the wheat,
sinks down in the spring, leaving the roots
exposed. Underdraining largely lessens this,
because it removes all surplus water from
the ground. Plants rarely require very
little moisture about their roots. Just
that amount which will imperceptibly
diffuse itself through the earth, by the
ground surface, is all that is needed.
More suffices the plant. Underdrain-
ing reduces the water in the soil to
the roots of the wheat, and the water
in the soil is the proper amount; hence,
underdraining is the most effective
means against winter-killing. Making
the seed bed very fine and solid has
much the same effect. There is no sur-
plus of water; and the water is diffused
through the ground. It is known that
the ground, like the body, is not
spewed out as is wheat on loose ground.
This is sometimes accounted for by the
greater resistance which compact
ground would offer to the frost, and
the greater space on the home acre, it
would embrace the roots. But ground
can not be so compacted as to resist the
expansive force of freezing water. The
reason is that there is less water to ex-
pand. Besides, the grain germinates
readily in compact soil, and the plant
is more thrifty in fine ground; hence,
plants in such a seed bed have more
vigor to endure the winter. The work
on the seed bed for wheat should
be done early and be thorough.—
American Agriculturist.

PLANT DESTROYERS.

The Damage Done by Weeds in Times of
Prolonged Drought.

We are all aware of the fact that
weeds and grass consume the food which
should be devoted to the growing crop,
but even when the land is very rich, and
the soil contains enough for both the
crop and the weeds, the former suc-
ceeds while the other flourishes.

This is because the soil can not provide
sufficient moisture for two crops at the
same time. Every plant that grows
takes up a certain proportion of mois-
ture, which is pumped into the stalks
and leaves, and the larger the growth,
and more numerous the plants, the
more moisture required. Nor do all
plants take up moisture equally, or with
the same quantity. A strong, vigorous
weed, with roots running in every direc-
tion, will seize on all moisture within
its reach, to the detriment of every
other plant with a less extensive sys-
tem of influence, and the result is that
the weaker plants perish because the
struggle for moisture is more than they
can endure, while the weeds, having
secured an equal proportion of mois-
ture, grow and flourish.

Now, the farmer who wishes to economize in
time of drought, must allow no mois-
ture to be wasted on weeds. Nothing
can be done to prevent weeds from
growing, but the plan is to kill them
before they begin to grow, and the cuttings
may be used as manure.

The sure and simple method of keep-
ing eggs sound by enclosing the shells
with linseed oil has long been practiced.
The oil forms a sort of film over the
shell, thereby preventing the two im-
mediate causes of decomposition—the
evaporation from and penetration of air
into the egg. A recent experiment in
laid eggs were rubbed over with linseed
oil applied with the tip of the finger;
another dozen were coated in the like
manner with poppy oil; two more eggs
were left in their natural state. The
whole twenty-six were then laid close
together in three rows, in dry sand,
under a shelf, where they were left un-
disturbed. At the end of three months
they were weighed, and again at the
end of six months, when they were
opened. The two eggs left in their
natural state, at the end of three
months, had lost per cent. of their
weight, and at the end of six months 18
per cent. and were found to be half
empty and the contents rotten. The eggs
coated with poppy oil in three months
lost 3 per cent., and in six months 4 1/2
per cent. of their total weight. The eggs
were still full and devoid of unpleasant
smell. The eggs rubbed over with lin-
seed oil in three months lost 2 per cent.,
and in six months 3 per cent. only of
their weight, and when opened were
found to be full, with the smell of fresh
eggs.—Chicago News.

—There is always something about
this paper that I can not read," observed
Mrs. Brown, with an expression that
would have kept her lord silent had he
seen it. "What?" he questioned. "The
wrapper," and for a minute he fancied
depression portrayed even on the face
of the clock.—Chicago Journal.

—The New Bedford Mercury, report-
ing the proceedings of the Water Works
Association in that city, says: "After
some further discussion, driven well
home by the fact that the water works
were taken up." That must be an
association of experts.—Lowell Courier.

—A few tubs of poor butter in an
invoice may bring the average price
down below the line of profit.—N. Y.
Times.

THE CURRANT BUSH.

Points on the Cultivation of a Useful and
Exceedingly Healthy Fruit.

The patience of the currant is due
perhaps to its origin, for it grows wild
about the northern hemisphere, its chief
haunts being the dim, cold, damp woods
of the high latitudes. You may tame,
modify and vastly change any thing
possessing life, but original traits are
scarcely ever wholly eradicated. There-
fore the natural habitat and primal
qualities of the currant indicate the true
lines of development, its capabilities and
limitations. It is essentially a Northern
fruit, requiring coolness, moisture and
alluvial soils. It begins to falter and
look homesick even in New Jersey, and
one does not have to go far down the
Atlantic coast to pass beyond the range
of its successful culture. I do not see
why it should not thrive much farther
south for the northern slopes of the
mountains. From Philadelphia north-
ward, however, except on light dry soils
and in sunny exposures, there is no
reason why it should not give ample re-
turns for the attention it requires.

It shall not lay stress on the old, well-
known uses to which this fruit is put,
but I do think its value is but half ap-
preciated. People rush around in July
in search of health; let me recommend
the currant cure. If any one is land-
y, depressed in spirits, inclined to
headaches and generally "out of sorts,"
let him finish his breakfast daily for a
month with a dish of freshly picked cur-
rants. He will soon almost doubt his
own identity, and may even begin to
think that he is becoming a good man.
He will be more gallant to his wife, kinder
to his children, friendlier to his neighbors
and more open-handed to every good
cause. He will soon seem to play, and
play fun. In brief, the truth of the
ancient pun will be verified that "the
power to live a good life depends largely
upon the fruit."

Out upon the non-
sense of taking medicine and nostrums
during the currant season! Let it be
taught at theological seminaries that
the currant is a "means of grace." It
is a corrective, and that is what average
humanity most needs.

But, like the raspberry, it is
willing to keep steady, but only because
it is modest. It is one of the fruits that
drive better among trees than in too
dry and sunny exposures. Therefore,
—any time after the leaves have fallen—
it may be grown among smaller trees,
or better still, on the northern or eastern
side of a wall or hedge. But shade is
not essential except as we go south,
then the requisites of moisture and
shelter from burning rays of the sun
should be complied with as far as pos-
sible. In giving this and kindred fruits
partial shade they should not be com-
pelled to contend to any extent with the
roots of trees, and the soil should be
unequal contest. No fruit can thrive in
dense shade or find sustenance among
the voracious roots of a tree.

Select, therefore, if possible, heavy,
deep, moist, yet well-drained soil, and
do not fear to make and keep it very
rich. If you are restricted to sandy or
gravelly soils, correct their defects with
compost, decayed leaves and sods, muck,
manure from the cow-stable and other
fertilizers, using rather than stimu-
lating qualities. Either by plowing or
forking, deepen as well as enrich the
soil. It is then ready for the plants,
which may be set out either in the fall
or in early spring. I prefer the autumn
—any time after the leaves have fallen—
but spring answers almost as well, while
the buds are dormant or partially so.
It should be remembered that the cur-
rant starts very early, and is in full
bloom with some rapidity, or with
wakened to garden interests. It would,
in this case, be better to wait until
October, unless the plants can be ob-
tained from a neighbor on a cloudy day;
then they should be cut back two-thirds
of their length before being removed,
and the transfer made as quickly as pos-
sible. Under any circumstances take
off half of the wood from the plants
bought. This need not be thrown
away. Every cutting of young wood
six inches long will make a new plant
in a single season. All that is needful
is to keep the wood moist until ready
to put it into the ground, or better still,
to put it in place in the garden can
be selected at once, and the cuttings
sunk two-thirds of their length into
the ground, and the soil pressed firmly
around them. By fall they will have
a good supply of roots, and by the follow-
ing autumn be ready to be set out
wherever you wish them to fruit.—E.
P. Roe, in Harper's Magazine.

PRESERVING EGGS.

The Old Method of Preserving the Shells
With Linseed Oil.

The sure and simple method of keep-
ing eggs sound by enclosing the shells
with linseed oil has long been practiced.
The oil forms a sort of film over the
shell, thereby preventing the two im-
mediate causes of decomposition—the
evaporation from and penetration of air
into the egg. A recent experiment in
laid eggs were rubbed over with linseed
oil applied with the tip of the finger;
another dozen were coated in the like
manner with poppy oil; two more eggs
were left in their natural state. The
whole twenty-six were then laid close
together in three rows, in dry sand,
under a shelf, where they were left un-
disturbed. At the end of three months
they were weighed, and again at the
end of six months, when they were
opened. The two eggs left in their
natural state, at the end of three
months, had lost per cent. of their
weight, and at the end of six months 18
per cent. and were found to be half
empty and the contents rotten. The eggs
coated with poppy oil in three months
lost 3 per cent., and in six months 4 1/2
per cent. of their total weight. The eggs
were still full and devoid of unpleasant
smell. The eggs rubbed over with lin-
seed oil in three months lost 2 per cent.,
and in six months 3 per cent. only of
their weight, and when opened were
found to be full, with the smell of fresh
eggs.—Chicago News.

—There is always something about
this paper that I can not read," observed
Mrs. Brown, with an expression that
would have kept her lord silent had he
seen it. "What?" he questioned. "The
wrapper," and for a minute he fancied
depression portrayed even on the face
of the clock.—Chicago Journal.

—The New Bedford Mercury, report-
ing the proceedings of the Water Works
Association in that city, says: "After
some further discussion, driven well
home by the fact that the water works
were taken up." That must be an
association of experts.—Lowell Courier.

—A few tubs of poor butter in an
invoice may bring the average price
down below the line of profit.—N. Y.
Times.

HERE WE ARE!
—WITH A FULL AND COMPLETE LINE OF—

